

**The State of New Hampshire
Town of North Hampton
Town Warrant for 2006-2007**

To the inhabitants of the Town of North Hampton in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified that the **first session** (deliberative) of the annual meeting of the Town of North Hampton will be held at the North Hampton School on Atlantic Avenue, in said North Hampton on Saturday, February 4, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. Warrant articles may be amended at this session per RSA 40:13, IV, with the exception of Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law and cannot be amended per RSA 40:13, IV a. Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion as amended.

You are further notified that the **second session** of the annual meeting of the Town of North Hampton will be held at the North Hampton School on Atlantic Avenue, in said North Hampton on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 8:00 a.m., for the choice of town officers elected by official ballot, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on the official ballot, and to vote on all warrant articles from the first session on official ballot per RSA 40:13, VII. The polls for the election of town officers and other action required to be inserted on said ballot will open on said date at 8:00 a.m. in the forenoon and will not close until 7:00 p.m. in the evening.

Article 1.

To choose one Selectmen for a term of three years, one Selectmen for a term of one year, one Town Treasurer for a term of one year, and all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2.

Approved by the Planning Board 5-0

Are you in favor of the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Section 506: Signs and Billboards?

The Planning Board proposes this amendment to the North Hampton Zoning Ordinance to replace the current "Section 506: Signs and Billboards" with a more comprehensive Section 506 that:

- Explains the purposes of this section of the Zoning Ordinance.
- Provides a comprehensive list of definitions for the regulation of signs and billboards.
- Establishes a Conditional Use Permit process and administration of that process by the Planning Board for signs that require a permit.
- Specifies types of signs, banners and flags that are authorized without a permit – including, for example, small warning, no trespassing, and for sale signs; governmental, directional, warning signs; and signs indicating historical, cultural, or natural sites; banners on private residential property; political signs (per RSA 664:17); and certain types of flags.
- Specifies types of signs that are prohibited – including, for example, billboards, portable signs, and vehicles used primarily as advertising; electronic message boards; and flashing or neon signs.
- Specifies types of signs that are authorized with a permit and regulations governing their placement, size, height, and lighting.
- Allows up to 60 square feet for monument signs.
- Allows up to 32 square feet for pole or pylon signs.
- Provides for inspection, notice of non-compliance, and enforcement by the Building Inspector.

In addition, under Article III – Definitions, Section 301, definition 29. “Seasonal Sign” will be deleted and replaced by the definition stated in the proposed Section 506.

The full text of this amendment is available at the Town Offices and at the Town Clerk’s office.

Article 3. Approved by the Planning Board 5-0

Are you in favor of the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Section 414: Water Resources and Aquifer Protection?

The Planning Board proposes this amendment to the North Hampton Zoning Ordinance to replace the current “Section 414: Water Resources and Aquifer Protection” with a more comprehensive section that:

- Provides background information that explains the nature and importance of aquifers in North Hampton.
- Establishes an overlay district and regulations, pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 674:16-21, to protect and preserve water supplies in the Town.
- Adopts a map showing locations of aquifers and establishing Aquifer Protection District boundaries at the outermost edges of areas with groundwater water transmissivity greater than 1000 feet squared per day.
- Provides a comprehensive list of definitions relevant to Section 414.
- Specifies types of commercial activities presumed to generate toxic or hazardous wastes.
- Provides an appeal process through the Planning Board to resolve disputes about the boundaries of the District.
- Limits impervious surface on lots within the district to not more than 20% of the total surface area of the lot.
- Specifies both permitted and prohibited uses of land within the District.
- Provides standards for septic system construction on sites within the District.
- Establishes a Conditional Use Permit process and administration of the process by the Planning Board for special-exception uses in the district, including industrial and commercial uses and multi-family residential uses.
- Provides for inspection of sites that have been granted special exceptions.
- Grandfathers existing non-conforming uses that are not determined by the Planning Board to be an “imminent hazard.”
- Authorizes the Planning Board to adopt rules and procedures for the administration and enforcement of Section 414.
- Provides for enforcement by the board of Selectmen
- Establishes a penalty of \$100.00 per day for violations of Section 414.

The full text of this amendment is available at the Town Offices and at the Town Clerk’s office.

Article 4.

Shall the Town accept the provision of RSA 33:7 providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the Board of Selectmen to issue tax anticipation notes? (Majority vote required)

Article 5.

Shall the Town vote to accept the reports of the Town officers?

Article 6.

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to issue tax lien redemption notes in accordance with RSA 33:7-d?

**Article 7. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0**

Shall the Town of North Hampton vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth therein, totaling **\$4,699,802**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$4,614,538** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of North Hampton or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

**Article 8. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred ninety thousand dollars **(\$190,000)** for road reclamation on Mill Road and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw the amount of one hundred ninety thousand dollars **(\$190,000)** from the Road Reclamation Capital Reserve Fund. The current balance in this fund is \$267,956.81.

**Article 9. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0-1**

Shall the Town vote to establish the Capital Reserve Building Fund to enable the Town to plan and prepare for future Town building projects, and to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars **(\$150,000)** to be placed in this fund; and to be funded from the undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2006, and further to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

**Article 10. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0-1
Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-1**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred forty thousand dollars **(\$140,000)** for the construction of a sidewalk (Can Do Sidewalk Kids project), along Atlantic Avenue from the North Hampton School to the North Hampton Public Library. Eighty percent (80%) of this project is to be funded by grant monies, with the Town being responsible for 20% **(\$28,000)** of the remaining costs. The expenditure of the Town's portion is contingent upon the Town receiving the 80% grant funding.

**Article 11. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0-5**

Shall the Town vote to create the position of a full time Town Administrator, and to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than one hundred ten thousand dollars **(\$110,000)** for a salary, health and dental insurance, New Hampshire Retirement System contributions and payroll taxes. The current proposed amount in the 2006/2007 proposed budget for the existing part time position is \$67,600.

**Article 12. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars **(\$100,000)** to be placed in the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance and repairs of North Hampton Town buildings, and to be funded from the undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2006, and further to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

**Article 13. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand two hundred dollars **(\$70,200)** to fund the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund.

**Article 14. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0-1**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars **(\$70,000)** for the purpose of providing personnel with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Chemical Biological Nuclear and Radiological (CBNR) compliant self contained breathing apparatus in the Fire and Rescue Department. *(This is the second half of a two-year replacement program.)*

**Article 15. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0-1**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty two thousand dollars **(\$52,000)** to renovate an existing shed and construct a new 30'x30' building to allow for heated office space and storage for equipment and records for the Center Cemetery on Post Road, and also to renovate the existing 15'x18' building to meet cemetery lot customers' business.

**Article 16. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty seven thousand dollars **(\$47,000)** for the purchase of a one ton dump truck with a nine foot heavy duty municipal plow for the North Hampton Highway Department. This will replace the 1995 Ford F350 currently being used, and any monies received by the Town from the sale of this vehicle will be used to offset the cost of the new vehicle.

**Article 17. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars **(\$30,000)** to be added to the Road Reclamation Capital Reserve Fund.

**Article 18. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-1**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty eight thousand six hundred dollars **(\$48,600)** for the purchase of an emergency generator for the North Hampton School, so that in the future the school may be utilized as an emergency shelter. This emergency generator will have the ability to provide power to all areas of the school in the event of some type of hazard that requires the relocation of residents from their homes to a safe shelter where food, water and heat can be provided.

**Article 19. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0**

Shall the Town vote to establish the Cable Television Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing cable television equipment so that the Town and School may benefit from having a Community Television channel which will better inform residents of Town affairs by televising meetings and through a community bulletin board and which will provide enhanced informational and educational opportunities for all residents and to raise and appropriate thirty thousand dollars **(\$30,000)** from cable franchise fees received after January 1, 2006 to be placed in this fund, with no amount raised by taxation; further, to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

**Article 20. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0-1**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate ten thousand dollars **(\$10,000)** for the purchase and installation of an APCO 25 base radio for the Fire and Rescue dispatch center to correct the deficiencies in the current system and to allow for better communication with other Town agencies, and to also remove current unused equipment from the console.

Article 21. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0**
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0

Shall the Town vote to dissolve the North Hampton Private Detail Fund adopted under RSA 31:95-c after a vote of the legislative body on March 11, 2003 at the second session of the annual meeting of the Town of North Hampton, with the balance of this fund to be placed in the undesignated fund balance, said Detail Fund balance being \$1,724.00.

Article 22. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0**
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-h to restrict 100% of revenues and expenditures for providing the public safety services by municipal employees in connection with special events, highway construction, and other construction projects. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a revolving fund known as the North Hampton Revolving Detail Fund, separate from the undesignated fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund and shall pay out the same upon order of the governing body (Selectmen). Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said Detail Fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue.

Article 23. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0**
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0

If Article 22 is approved, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars, **(\$7,000)** to be placed in the North Hampton Revolving Police Detail Fund?

Article 24. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0**
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand four hundred dollars **(\$6,400)** for the purchase of hardware and software to complete a wireless access State Police Open Trunk System/ National Crime Information Computer (SPOTS/NCIC) system for one police cruiser in the North Hampton Police Department.

Article 25. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0**
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0-1

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars **(\$6,500)** to clear four acres of land immediately adjacent to the Center Cemetery on Post Road in order to provide additional burial lots for future development.

Article 26. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0**
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 100% of all of revenues from Ambulance Billing and Collection to expenditures for the purpose of Fire Department Capital Equipment? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Fire Department Equipment Fund (Capital Reserve #4), separate from the undesignated fund balance. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue.

Article 27.

Shall the Town vote pursuant to RS 41:25 to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish the rate and amount of compensation, in lieu of statutory fees, to be paid to the Town Clerk. The rate

and amount of the Town Clerk's compensation shall be established by a vote of the legislative body at the next annual Town Meeting.

Article 28.

Shall the Town vote in favor of having the office of Town Clerk combined with the office of Tax Collector, thereby creating a new office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector to be held by one individual. If this Article passes, the Town shall choose by ballot in the March 2007 election, one individual as Town Clerk/Tax Collector, and such individual shall serve for a term of 3 years. The term of any individual then in office as Town Clerk or Tax Collector shall cease and the newly elected Town Clerk/Tax Collector shall take office.

Article 29.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0-1
Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0-1**

On petition of the three Library Trustees, Linda Hillier, Emily Creighton, Stephen Miller and at least 25 other registered voters of the Town of North Hampton:

Shall the Town vote

- 1 To establish a Library Capital Reserve Fund for the planning and construction of a library addition or new building,
- 2 To raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in this fund; further
- 3 To appoint the Board of Library Trustees as agents to expend from this fund.

If appropriated, the Board of Library Trustees will match this amount (\$50,000) from its invested funds resulting in a total of \$100,000 to plan for future accommodation of our library's present need for space to adequately provide information, technology, programming for adults and children, and community meeting room space.

To serve the common good of our community, it is necessary to have a Library Capital Reserve Fund separate from the Town Capital Reserve Building Fund. This fund will allow us to prudently save for our community's quality of life needs while ensuring that these needs do not compete with public safety monies. Our Library services give back to us, make all our lives better, and unify us as a community of informed citizenry.

Article 30.

**Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0-1**

On petition of Victor M. Maloney, and Seacoast Youth Services (SYS), and at least 25 North Hampton registered voters:

Shall the Town of North Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to defray the costs of services provided to North Hampton residents. SYS is seeking funding to support a variety of substance abuse prevention and intervention services in school and community based settings. Particular student assistance services (e.g. assessment, education and intervention) are provided for Winnacunnet High School students. Other school based prevention education and support services are provided to SAU 21 middle school students and the community at large. Such services include, but are not limited to, substance abuse prevention (Project Alert-national model program), wraparound support services, anger management/self control skills, leadership/resiliency promotion and community service. SYS is coordinating a Lower Seacoast Youth Coalition of public and private partners, including professionals, parents and youth, to address issues of concern and opportunities for building strong and safe communities in the lower seacoast of New Hampshire. All services provided by SYS are specifically for the residents of the SAU 21 school district.

Article 31.

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Given under our hands and seals this 23rd day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and six.
